

HB 972 -- EXPUNGEMENT

SPONSOR: Ellington

This bill authorizes the expungement of specified criminal records including convictions for any nonviolent crime, misdemeanor offense, or nonviolent drug violation. The expungement of a record is allowed when at least four years have elapsed since the individual making the application for expungement has completed his or her imprisonment, period of probation, or period of parole and has graduated from high school or received a general educational development (GED) degree, graduated from an institution of higher education with at least an associate's degree or maintained employment with the same employer for at least two consecutive years, completed 700 hours of community service, and has not been convicted of or been placed on probation for any misdemeanor or felony during the four-year period.

If the court determines the petitioner has met all the criteria for an expungement, the court must enter an order of expungement.

If the court concludes the petitioner has failed to meet the criteria, the petitioner may refile the petition as soon as all of the criteria has been met for each of the offenses listed in the expungement petition.